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SUBJECT: US-MEXICO FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

AFTER TELCON THIS MORNING WITH MAKATSU REGARDING DIFFICULTIES
US TUNA FISHERMEN ENCOUNTERING IN MEXICAN CONSULATES IN
CALIFORNIA REGARDING FISHING AFTER JULY 31 DEADLINE, GWYNNE
TELEPHONED FISHERIES UNDERSECRETARY MEDINA NERI TO RESOLVE
PROBLEM:FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENT MADE:

1. US TUNA FISHING VESSELS WILL HAVE EXTENSION OF DEADLINE
TO AUGUST 15 RPT 15.
2. MEDINA NERI UNDERTOOK TO ADVISE MEXICAN NAVY AND CONSULATES
OF THIS EXTENSION, ON URGENT BASIS.
3. US TUNA FISHERMEN MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY LOW LICENSE FEE
FOR PERIOD AUGUST 1-15, OR PRESENT LICENSES MAY SIMPLY BE
EXTENDED WITHOUT FEE. MEDINA NERI UNABLE TO GIVE SPECIFICS ON
THIS POINT WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITHIN GOM.

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4. PRICE TO BE PAID FOR TUNA CATCH WILL BE \$24 PER TON INSTEAD OF PREVIOUS \$18 PER TON.

5. MEDINA NERI WILL BE PROMINENT MEMBER OF MEXICAN DELEGATION AT LOS NEGOTIATIONS IN NEW YORK, ARRIVING O/A AUGUST 4.

6. THIS EXTENSION AIMED AT GIVING U.S. FISHERIES DELEGATION TIME TO ARRIVE AT FINAL U.S.-MEXICAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT OR TO NEGOTIATE POSSIBLE FURTHER EXTENSION OF DEADLINE. AS EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS ARRANGEMENT DEPENDS ON WORD GETTING TO MEXICAN NAVY AND CONSULATES, EMBASSY WILL CHECK ON ACTION TAKEN BY MEDINA NERI OVER NEXT FEW DAYS.

6. FYI SITUATION OF IMPOUNDED MEXICAN SHRIMP BOAT (CASITA I) AT BROWNSVILLE BEING RESOLVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THROUGH EMBASSY REQUESTS. ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY AND CUSTOMS DIRECTOR IN BROWNSVILLE DESIRE END MATTER ASAP BY REQUIRING FINE OF AMOUNT OF ALREADY AUCTIONED CATCH AND QUICK RELEASE OF VESSEL AND MASTER, WHICH, ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY, IS NORMAL PROCEDURE. U.S. CUSTOMS CHIEF OF ENTRY PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES DIVISION, U.S. CUSTOMS IN WASHINGTON, DONALD LEWIS, EXPECTS TO RESOLVE OBJECTIONS INSISTED UPON BY U.S. CUSTOMS DIRECTOR IN LAREDO -- WHO IS PREVENTING QUICK RELEASE -- BY THIS AFTERNOON, IN VIEW OF DELICACY OF THIS CASE AND INFLUENCE IT MAY HAVE ON CURRENT FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS.
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